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## **Newsletter Article**

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## **Holiday Traffic Safety**

Could the holidays get any busier? Between your regular work schedule, family commitments, and holiday gatherings - who has time to think about safe driving? You do!

It is worth the time it takes to be calm and in control while you are behind the wheel this holiday. Remember to:

- Avoid Distractions. It is hard to be calm and in control when you are
  distracted. Pre-set the radio to your favorite channel. Turn the smartphone off
  and put it away. Keep both hands on the wheel, eyes on the road, and your
  mind on the task of driving.
- Slow Down and Respect the Sign. Regardless of how others are driving, remain in control of your vehicle. Obey the posted speed limit signs on the roadway and stop fully at stop signs. If you encounter an aggressive driver, simply remain calm and pull out of the way.
- Drive Sober. The best way to be in control while driving is to be alcohol-free.
   Always choose a designated driver before the party begins, or volunteer to be the sober driver for family and friends.
- Buckle Up. The best way to stay in control of your vehicle is to be properly restrained in the event of a crash. Every trip. Every time. Everyone in the vehicle.

Drive Safe. Arrive Alive DE.